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Media Release

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Re: Drugs Found Hidden in Public Restroom at HCSO Detention Center

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On o6-18-18, while conducting a search of the public restroom in the lobby of the Hernando County Detention Center, Cpl. Jamie Downey discovered a syringe, along with three "Opana" 10mg pills, duct taped to the toilet.

Cpl. Downey and Sgt. Daniel Quinones conducted a review of the Detention Center's video surveillance that showed Jonathan Perry, W/M DOB/10-09-1990, enter the lobby restroom at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Sgt. Quinones and Cpl. Downey also reviewed recent phone calls and determined that Inmates Rebecca Lashbrook, W/F DOB/05-12-1990, and Camilla Bell, W/F DOB/10-16-1985, were possibly involved in this incident.

Insp. Cliff Faulkingham reviewed several hours of phone calls and was able to determine that Inmate Bell had been planning this incident.

On June 18, Inmate Bell released \$250 to Perry. After releasing the money, Inmate Lashbrook called Perry continuously throughout the day to give him step-by-step instructions on how to deliver the drugs.

Perry was to use the money released by Inmate Bell to purchase drugs. He was then to tape the items to the back of the toilet in the lobby restroom.

Later in the evening, a "trusty" inmate on the clean-up crew, was to retrieve the items and bring them to Inmate Bell. Post Miranda, Perry and Inmate Lashbrook confirmed their roles as well as the plan described above.

Perry was arrested on a charge of Introduction of Contraband into a Detention Center. He is being held on a \$2,000 bond. Bell and Lashbrook were each arrested on a charge of

Conspiracy to Introduce Contraband into a Detention Center. Both were held on a bond of \$2,000 each. The trusty from the clean-up crew was removed from trusty status.

The control of contraband entering the Hernando County Detention Center is a top priority for Detention Division staff. Constant physical searches, monitoring of video surveillance cameras, and the use of other investigative tools, goes a long way in preventing the introduction of contraband.

Any attempts to introduce contraband into the Hernando County Detention Center will result in full investigations and ultimately criminal charges being placed on those involved.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.